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Thanks

- .. To our Ten Pin Bowling and debate support teams.
- .. To those parents who have already taken time to discuss the obedience virtue at home.
- .. Our head lice inspection team.
- .. To Shane Ringrose for taking time out of his busy schedule to co-ordinate the after school badminton programme.
- .. Thank you to parents for their support of our school-wide reading mileage program. Congratulations to all those who read around NZ once, twice or three times.

People of the Week

- .. Our debating team for your stunning success in this week's debating competition against Huanui College .. and especially to Campbell who stepped in at the last moment.
- .. Hazza who came to the office this week to tell us he had talked to his mum and decided he wanted to continue to work on the consideration virtue and was there anything in the office he could help with. You made our day Hazza!
- .. Luke who recently gave assistance to an elderly person who had suffered a stroke. Luke was on his own with this person but managed to comfort them and get them assistance. You acted so responsibly here Luke and we are very proud of you. Well done!

Term Calendar

Please pencil these dates into your calendar. Details and additional dates will follow as these come to hand.

- 13 August - International Schools Maths Exam
- 14 August - NEMP assessors on site working with year 4 children
- 20 August - Information evening to discuss year 7 and 8 programmes
- 21 August - Kamo High School Enrolments - here at Matarau School (details to follow)
- 22 August - Year 8 HPV vaccination (final dose)
- 26 August - Regional Science Fair Week
- 27 August - Seniors visit the Regional Fair
- 27 August - Room 2,3 and 4 trip to Kiwi North / Maunu Museum
- 28 August - Room 5,6 and 7 trip Kiwi North / Maunu Museum
- 28 August - Seniors to W.G.H.S. for outdoor education experience
- 6 September - Mathex
- 10 September - Choir Festival
- 16 September - AIMS Games
- 25 September - Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi
- 26 September - Talent Showcase
- 27 September - Final day of term

Our current virtue is OBEDIENCE

Support material was sent home last week ... please set aside some time ..

1. To discuss this material with your children
2. To talk about a time(s) when you have practised obedience in your life
3. Maybe set some targets
4. Let us know of examples worth sharing

Children will also spend some time at school learning about this virtue and especially how it links with our overall focus this year which is making choices.

WGHS Enrolment Interviews

On Monday 12th August WGHS will be sending two interviewers to School to meet parents and children to begin the process of enrolment at WGHS. We apologise about this late notice, bookings can be done online by looking at your child's email account. You will be required to provide a completed enrolment form, birth certificate and the latest school report. All parents should have been called today as way of a reminder. Any questions to Mr D on sdelemare@matarau.school.nz.

KHS Enrolment Interviews

Enrolment Interviews will be held on Wednesday 21st August here at school. Online bookings will be available by looking at your child's email account. You will be required to provide a completed enrolment form, birth certificate and the latest school report. All parents should have been called today as way of a reminder. Any questions to Mr D on sdelemare@matarau.school.nz.

PMP Helpers Wanted

1.30-3.00 Tuesday's and Wednesday's every week or on a casual basis. If you can help please contact Rachael Robertson or the Office.

After School Labs

Mondays and Thursdays 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Please ensure ..

.. that children bring a snack for after school .. that they are picked up by 4:30 PM.

Any questions relating to the reading labs to Mr Schuster please. Any questions relating to the Maths Labs to Mrs Donaldson please.

Attendance at After School Labs

Absence rates from labs this week were quite high. As teachers spend time preparing learning material (sometimes individualised) and as parents have already committed to having their children at both labs this is of concern. **If your circumstances have changed, and you are now no longer able to get your children to both labs, please advise the school office on Monday morning so we can withdraw them from the programme and make their place available to another student.** There are large waiting lists for these programmes and we are keen to see all available spaces filled.

Parents of children who did not attend the second maths lab this week will receive a test paper today for administration at home (under test conditions) and return by Monday morning please. This test is essential in identifying your child's specific needs and so please ensure you do not render assistance during the test.

Year 7 and 8 Programme

The year 7 and 8 years are more important in preparing for secondary school than many people imagine. Children equipped with certain skills and attitudes tend to do much better than those without and tend to achieve much better class placements. The year 7 and 8 years can be plenty of fun, they also need to be years of diligent preparation. If you would like to know more about our year 7 and 8 programmes, and the reasons why local secondary schools seek out our students, you are invited to a meeting to be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday 20 August in the staffroom. Mr Delemare is highly available at other times to discuss our Year 7 and 8 programme with interested parents.

NEMP Assessors - Year 4 students

Parents of year 4 students who are interested in knowing more about this programme (14 - 16 August) are reminded that there is an information meeting with assessors in the library at 3:00 PM (to 3:30 PM) on Thursday 15 August. Parents of year 4 children (and even other interested parents) are welcome to attend.

Junior School Visit

Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are going on a trip to the museum in Week 5 for our topic "NZ Life 100 years ago". We would like parents to know that we are wanting children to dress up in that era on that day. We will send more details about the trip soon.

Out of Zone Enrolments

This is to advise that the Board of Trustees has made the following places available for Out of Zone students for 2014.

.. 20 places at years 1 to 6

.. 8 places at years 7 and 8

Please note that Application Forms for Out of Zone Enrolment can be requested from our school office and need to be received **no later than 4 September**. Please note that receipt of application is not a guarantee of a place. **If the number of applications exceed the number of available places these will be allocated by a ballot scheduled for 11 September**. Parents will be advised of the outcome by early the following week.

Milk in Schools Programme

The continuation of this programme is contingent on parent support with distribution. If you are able to lend a little time to the distribution of milk (specified mornings) please contact Sharon Smith on 4338371 / 027 631 9361 or contact our school office. Thanks!

Puberty Change Unit

A reminder to please sign your child's workbook at the end of each day and please contact Mr D or Mrs Donaldson with any questions.

Senior Technology Programme (Year 7 and 8)

Parents are reminded that the tech bus departs school at 9:00 AM on the dot, meaning students need to be checked off at 8:45. Please ensure they are at school no later than 8:45 AM.

Choir

The Choir festival will be held at Forum North on the evenings of 10th and 11th September. Tickets will be on sale soon. More information to follow...

Learner Portfolios

If you have not yet done so please return your child's portfolio to school.

School Photos

Additional photographs can be ordered by contacting Liz Davies directly on 0274571151 or lizdavies@xtra.co.nz.

Wanted

Room 6 is currently seeking buttons of assorted sizes and colours. If able to help please send your surplus buttons to school.

Term Headlice Inspection

.. indicated low levels of infestation. If advised of infestation please take immediate action to treat your child(ren) and follow up with regular checks in the week's following. Children will be re-checked next week. All parents are encouraged to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of this problem.

Scholastic Orders - Issue 5

All orders and payments to the office please by Friday 16 August.

Scholastic Book Fair

This will be held in the School Office Foyer during the week of 19 August - 23 August. Children will be able to view books before school, during breaks and after school, and may bring home a "Wish List". Parents and caregivers are welcome to come along and have a look. The school will receive a percentage of book sales.

The International Schools Maths Exams

.. is scheduled for 13 August. Practice papers have been distributed this week to most candidates. Some students have worked so hard on the practice papers that a weekend off might be in order ... your call!

International schools Maths and English papers

Please return practice papers promptly so these can be made available to other students in future years ... still quite a few to come back.

Safer Journeys .. staying safe near roads and railways

Over coming weeks we will be sharing various facets of road safety with children. We feel the best way to do this is ..

.. a little at a time .. with revision of earlier points as the programme unfolds

.. with the same material being discussed by parents at home.

So .. please discuss the following with your children next week (we will do the same at school). It is also highly important to do the practice exercises with them



THIS WEEK .. HELMET SAFETY .. discuss ..

1. Checking for the standards approved safety sticker on the helmet
2. Check your helmet remains in good condition ... no cracks or damage
3. Check the straps and buckles are in good order (not frayed or broken)
4. Check the size ... shouldn't wobble too much when lifted
5. Should be positioned level on the head with chin and back straps meeting on the jaw, below the ear lobes
6. Chin strap firm but not tight

And we would add .. WEAR YOUR HIGH VISIBILITY VEST

You may need to personalise these guidelines to your child's circumstance. A guide book was sent home for parents last week (check your child's schoolbag). Please put this in a safe place and use as we tackle the content sub-topic at a time. THANKS!

Dodopuzzles

This week children will have received an order form for dodopuzzles. These puzzles are fun to assemble and are highly educational. Currently 3 dinosaur models are available but additional and more complicated models will be available down the track. These make great Christmas and birthday presents and so you might like to stock up on a few. We are selling these at the very low price of \$10 per model .. selling for \$20 in the shops. From each sale the school receives \$3.50 which we will use to buy special things for our library. So .. no pressure ... but if you can, please support this fund-raising effort. These are truly good value and a purchase now entitles you to discounts on future purchases.

Please note that order forms are due back at school by 6 September. Models are available for viewing in classrooms and in the school office.

Finally .. Please pay close attention to the out of zone application process. We have not yet publically advertised our out of zone places (as required under the Education Act) but have already had almost as many expressions of interest as places available. So ... if you live out of zone, and would like to enrol a younger sibling of a child already in our school **and have not already contacted us**, it is essential that you contact the school office next week. Any questions just give us a call.

And again ... please get behind our road safety initiative and discuss the relevant weekly material with your child(ren). **This week around two thirds of children said they had been discussing these at home with their parents. Well done parents.**

Regards
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New Zealand Badminton Academy – Every Tuesday after school (3pm-4.30pm) in the school Hall. \$40. For more info please contact shane Ringrose 4335544 or shane.ringrose@gmail.com.

Maungatapere Community Market - To be held at the Maungatapere Hall, Sunday 25th August, 10am – 2pm. Hope to see you there!!! Enquiries: Sue Anson 0212047281

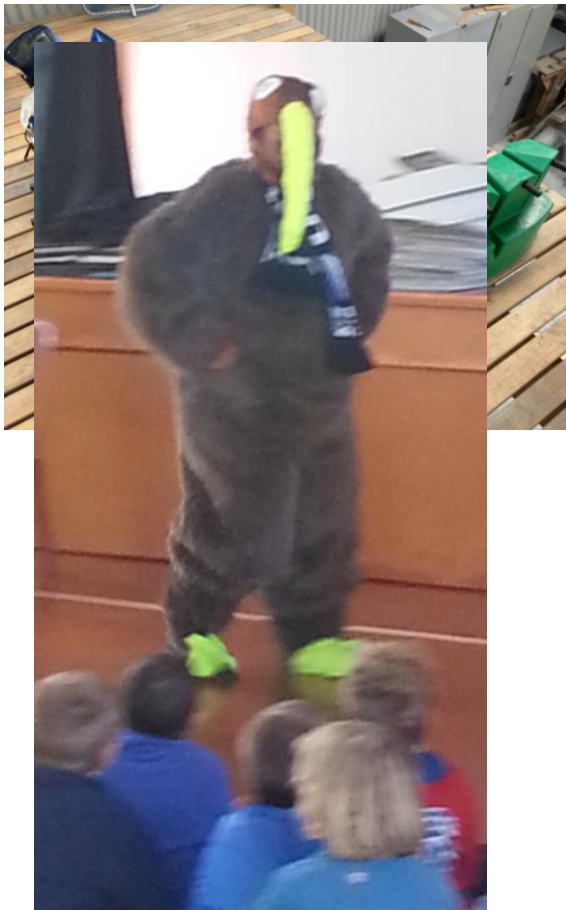
School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Mugeli Bar) and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.





Our surprise visitor, Hiwi the Kiwi, came to support the "Reading Around NZ" celebration

